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ENCLOSURES: A. Staff Intelligence Annex  
B. Recapitulation of Departmental Comments

1. The fifteen (15) pieces of scheduled staff intelligence disseminated this month represent an all-time high as to volume.

CIA Series 1  
ORE Series 8  
SR Series 4 (includes supplements)

2. Though some progress is being made toward achieving the necessary increase in the volume of production, the above output largely represents a partial break in the log-jam of projects long in process. There is presently no indication that another month will see the equivalent of this figure. Quality of content and timeliness of dissemination are paramount objectives which present problems for which solutions are yet to be found.

3. The inability of ORE Branches to meet deadlines set for the submission of draft ORE's to this Group is chronic. No improvement has been made in recent months despite increases in personnel. Contrary to what might be expected, the fact that most deadlines are self-imposed has not made for a better record. One Branch explains that "new deadlines must be set, inasmuch as these reports (ORE's and SR's) have fallen far behind schedule. The inability to meet deadlines has a number of causes, but perhaps chief among them is that energies have been used chiefly in preparation of weekly articles."

4. One recent development gives promise of early resolution: whether CIA is to request studies of a military nature involving more than one department from the respective departments involved, or, from the JIQ.

5. The early promulgation of the Estimates Group's proposed DCI Directive "Extent of Consideration Required of Departmental Intelligence Organizations in Coordination of CIA Reports and Estimates." is necessary. Departmental intelligence organizations need some specific guidance in the preparation of their comments and some departments have in fact urged the preparation of such a paper.

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